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PETITION TO WITHDRAW NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions that the Notice of Abandonment dated August 24, 2001, be withdrawn and that prosecution of the above patent application proceed in due course.

The Notice of Abandonment indicates that applicant had failed to respond to the outstanding Office Action dated February 22, 2001, a response for which was due on August 22, 2001, upon payment of a three-month extension fee. However, applicant's attorney did, in fact, timely respond to the outstanding Office Action by mailing a response to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) with a mail certification dated August 21, 2001, along with the required fee for a three-month extension of time. To substantiate this fact, enclosed herewith is a copy of the Petition and Amendment with the mail certification dated August 21, 2001, on the last page thereof. Also enclosed are copies of the check sent with the above, as well as a copy of the stamped postcard receipt indicating receipt in the PTO mailroom on August 23, 2001.

Accordingly, the granting of this petition at an early date is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures: Copy of Response dated August 21, 2001

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